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NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING OCTOBER 19

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, October 19](#), from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third Avenue SE across from Greene Square Park. The meeting room is located on the third floor. Parking is available behind the building on the Second Avenue side. The speaker will be Jim Kringlen, Managing Attorney, Iowa Legal Aid, Cedar Rapids Regional Office. Jim will discuss Legal Aid’s 40 year history of helping those in need.

Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by The Fresh Deli. Menu includes: kebabs (chicken breast, beef tenderloin, vegetable); white rice & vermicelli noodles; herb & parmesan roasted red potatoes; garden salad; dinner rolls; and assorted fresh baked cookies.

An RSVP request was emailed to LCBA members. RSVPs are due 2 p.m. on October 18. If you do not RSVP you may still attend the meeting but will only be able to eat lunch if there is food left over after the members who RSVPed have gone through the buffet line.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

Thank you all for helping to make September's Linn Law Club happy hour at White Star Ale House a success. Please join the Law Club at its next happy hour on Thursday, October 19 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Grin & Goose in Cedar Rapids at 227 2nd Ave SE. See you there!

Attorneys interested in learning more about Linn Law Club and its events, including some exciting upcoming social and volunteer opportunities, may join the Club's email list. To join, please email LinnLawBoard@gmail.com.

JUDGES SOUGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT

Judges are needed for this year's Middle School Regional Mock Trial Competition on Saturday, October 28 at the Linn County Courthouse. Volunteers are needed for approximately 56 attorney judge slots. No experience is necessary. There will be four rounds: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Attorney volunteers are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of their judging round and each round will be completed in less than two hours. You can sign up to judge more than one round. Beverages and snacks will be provided for the attorney volunteers.

This year's case competition information can be viewed here: <http://www.iowabar.org/?MSMockTrial> More detailed information will be provided to judges before the event.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jenni Semelroth at jsemelroth@hotmail.com or [319-329-5536](tel:319-329-5536).

END OF LIFE PLANNING EVENT SPEAKER SERIES

The MedQuarter Regional Medical District has started an initiative to promote advance care directives in the Cedar Rapids community. As LCBA lawyers we have a chance to participate and better understand the challenges we have or will face as children, as parents and as practitioners helping our clients prepare proper legal documentation to make clear one's wishes as to their own end of life care. Please plan to attend with colleagues the following free seminars to be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1000 3rd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids:

Thursday, November 2 • Medical and Legal Decisions: Understand what happens if end-of-life decisions must be made and you do not have advance directives. William Galbraith, MD and attorney and award-winning author Jo Kline Cebuhar will share how the law works to ensure your wishes are followed. Afterwards, facilitators will provide individual assistance with documentation of your decisions at an optional table top workshop.

Thursday, December 7 • Spiritual Perspectives: Ask questions and participate in conversations about how personal values affect end-of-life planning. A panel of Christian, Humanist, Jewish and Muslim leaders will lead discussion.

For more information, please visit www.themedquarter.com/speakup

CITIZENSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Board of Governors is seeking nominees for its Citizenship Award. Any LCBA member may nominate any other LCBA member for this award. The following factors will be considered in determining the award recipient(s):

1. Active participation in civic organizations that provide services to others in the community, state and/or country (not necessarily just to other lawyers);
2. Active participation in activities designed to further the interests of the Iowa bar (whether at the local, regional or state level);
3. Demonstrates a strength of character and ability to motivate others to action to benefit the community, state and/or country; and
4. Supports, promotes and “goes above and beyond” to further the interest of others in the local community.

Current Board of Governors members and LCBA officers are not eligible for this award. Please submit your nominations for the Citizenship Award to LCBA president-elect Amy Reasner at areasner@lynchdallas.com by **Thursday, December 17**. The Citizenship Award(s) will be presented at the Bench/Bar event on January 18.

SAVE THE DATE!

LAST CHANCE FOR ETHICS SEMINAR; BENCH-BAR & KERNELS GAME

Save the date for the following LCBA events, which are free to all dues-paid LCBA members:

8th Annual Last Chance for Ethics Seminar: **Thursday, December 14, 2017** beginning at 4 p.m. at Dublin City Pub, 415 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids. The CLE will be at minimum 90 minutes, though possibly 2 hours. A definite schedule will be released at a later date.

Bench-Bar Event: Thursday, January 18, 2018 beginning late afternoon at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Carnegie Library (main level). At this year's Bench-Bar Event, the LCBA will be honoring its 50 year members as well as announce the 2017 recipient(s) of the LCBA's Citizenship Award. More details will be announced as the event date nears.

Kernels Game: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 950 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids. Join your fellow LCBA members for a **12:05 p.m.** Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball game.

DUES INVOICES ISSUED

Dues notices for the 2017-2018 LCBA membership year were mailed to members in August. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the LCBA at linncobar@gmail.com.

Only LCBA members current on their dues may attend LCBA sponsored events such as the Last Chance Seminar CLE, Bench-Bar gathering and LCBA day at the Kernels.

Current annual base membership dues are \$150 for members admitted to any bar 5-49 years and \$120 for members who have been admitted to any bar fewer than five years. There are also special dues amounts for government employees, employees of certain non-profit organizations, and full-time judges and certain other government entities. Please see the full dues policy here: <http://www.linncobar.org/about/dues/>

Please note there is a \$25 late charge for dues that were not paid by September 30, 2017.

LCBA 2017 CLE SUMMARY

The following 2017 LCBA programs have been approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Federal Activity ID#	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours	Federal Credit Hours
253803	n/a	2/16/2017	LaSheila Rice, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission	0.50	0.00	0.00
257369	n/a	3/16/17	Judge Kepros - EDMS Challenges and Tips	0.50	0.00	0.00
262149	n/a	4/20/17	John Monroe – Mental Health Commitments	0.50	0.00	0.00
265272	n/a	6/15/17	Liz Mathis – Legislative Update	0.50	0.00	0.00
266205	n/a	7/13/17	Summer Outing CLE	3.25	1.00	0.00

LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

The Linn County Bar Association will be holding regular monthly meetings October – November, February – April and June. The meeting dates for the remainder of 2017-2018 will be listed in a future issue of the Scriptum.

There is no regular monthly meeting during the following months due to other LCBA events scheduled as indicated: December (Last Chance Ethics CLE); January (Bench Bar Event); May (LCBA Day at the Kernels); July (Summer Outing).

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

- 1) **John Sexton**, Day Rettig Martin, P.C.
- 2) **Daniel M. Morgan**, Crilley Law Offices
- 3) **Matthew G. Barnd**, Bradley & Riley PC

TRANSITIONS



Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC (SPMB) welcomes **Alexandria M. Ransom** back to the firm as an Associate Attorney. Ms. Ransom clerked for SPMB the summer of 2016 and is now joining the firm's estate planning practice. Ms. Ransom was born and raised in Fair Bluff, North Carolina. In 2014, she received her undergraduate degree in Political Science from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Ms. Ransom earned her Juris Doctor with High Distinction at the University of Iowa College of Law in 2017. She has been selected to the Iowa Chapter of the Order of the Coif.

If you would like to announce your law firm comings and goings, new office locations, attorneys named to partnership, or whatever your "NEWS" is, please let us know and we will put it in TRANSITIONS section of the Scriptum. Submissions should be sent to webmaster@linncobar.org.

WANT ADS

Lynch Dallas, P.C., a well-established Cedar Rapids, Iowa law firm seeks an associate or shareholder level attorney with a minimum of one year experience practicing in some or all of the following areas: business/corporate law, tax, estate planning and probate, and real estate. Ideal candidate must have a strong work ethic and excellent analytical, interpersonal, writing and research skills. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter and resume to Amy L. Reasner, Lynch Dallas, P.C., P.O. Box 2457, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-2457 or to areasner@lynchdallas.com.

Brady Preston Gronlund PC is seeking an associate with 2 years or less experience to work primarily in litigation, as well as in other practice areas. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter, resume, transcript and salary requirement in confidence, to: Ann Gronlund, Brady Preston Gronlund PC, 2735 1st Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or via email to AGronlund@BPGLegal.com.

Kirkwood Community College offers online Employers Services, available at no charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To learn more about this topic, call 398-5689 or go to jobs@kirkwood.edu

If you would like to publicize open attorney positions or available law office space in your building, let us know and we will publish it here. Contact webmaster@linncobar.org. We will run your "Want Ad" for three (3) consecutive Scriptum editions. If your space or employment needs are met during your three-month Ad run, though, please drop us a line so we know to delete your Want Ad from future issues.

PARALEGAL INTERNSHIPS WANTED

Are you interested in helping train and mentor future paralegals? The Paralegal Program at Kirkwood Community College continues to grow. Kirkwood paralegal students are required to intern in a legal environment as part of their education. You can help tomorrow's paralegals gain valuable experience by agreeing to supervise a paralegal intern. The internship requires that the student complete 120 hours in a legal setting, and compensation is not required. If you are interested in mentoring a paralegal intern, please call Greg Clevenger at 398-5576.

COURT SCHEDULES & LCBA MEMBER DIRECTORY ON LCBA WEBSITE

Did you know the LCBA publishes each day's court schedules for Linn County District Court, Associate Court and Small Claims/Traffic court? Head over to the LCBA website at www.linncobar.org and click on "Court Schedules & Info" at the top. You can also see the judge assignments, local Orders and the court's contact numbers.

The website also has contact information for all LCBA members at www.linncobar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html. Advise the LCBA webmaster if any changes need to be made. If you have a new address, please notify the LCBA at P.O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-4127, or via email at webmaster@linncobar.org.

HOW TO JOIN THE LCBA and DUES INFORMATION

Membership in the LCBA is open to lawyers admitted to practice in Iowa and who live or work in Linn County. The first membership year is free. Annual base membership dues for all others is listed on the LCBA's website at: <http://www.linncobar.org/about/dues/> A

voluntary charitable assessment of \$100 is included on all dues statement; payment of the assessment is not required. The assessment goes towards funding legal related charitable organizations in Linn County. The membership application is at this link: <http://www.linncoar.org/wp-content/uploads/220265.pdf>

AMENDMENTS TO IOWA COURT RULES

Please click on this link for a list of recent Amendments and New Rules:

http://www.iowacourts.gov/Court_Rules_Forms/Recent_Amendments_New_Iowa_Court_Rules/

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Mandarin Spice Asian Grill

I have eaten several times at Mandarin Spice, mostly for dinner, and recently for lunch. Mandarin Spice is located in the Twixt Town Shopping Center across from Lindale Mall. It is an East Asian restaurant which features sushi, small plates, and entrées that would be recognized as Japanese, Chinese, Thai, Korean, etc. Either I, or someone I have been with, have tried a significant portion of the menu items and have been very happy with the food.

The service is typically friendly and prompt. At times the kitchen is a bit slow getting food out even when the restaurant is not especially busy, but that can be forgiven as the food is generally excellent. Some dishes I can recommend include the rack of shrimp as an appetizer, and most of the sushi has been good. For the entrees I have especially liked the Mongolian steak, Honey Black pepper chicken, Korean barbecue stir fry, and the Asian chili shrimp. They also have an extensive list of vegetarian options, and the vegetable fried rice and tofu with mushrooms are excellent.

The prices are very reasonable and they have a lunch menu with selected items priced at \$10. The restaurant also has a full bar. At different times throughout the year they will also have half-price sushi specials. The restaurant is a nice option to stop by before or after going to a movie at Collins Road Theatres. The atmosphere is upscale casual. If you haven't tried out this restaurant I would recommend it.

Matt the (Fill-in) Critic

Mandarin Spice Asian Grill is located at 1412 Twixt Town Rd., Marion, IA 52302.
<http://www.mandarinspiceasiangrill.com/>

LCBA GIVING AT WORK

Each year the LCBA uses charitable contributions from its members as well as monies from LCBA regular dues payments to provide funding to local non-profits that provide legal services to individuals in Linn County and make the judicial system in Linn County more accessible to the public. This new column,

“LCBA Giving at Work”, spotlights some of the work performed by recipient organizations of LCBA funding.

Michael was 16 and trapped in the middle of his parents’ ugly divorce. He and his mom had stopped talking to each other after she subpoenaed him to testify in a court hearing. The police showed up regularly at his house and once at his after-school job to take a statement about conflict between his parents. As the divorce consumed every part of Michael’s life, he became depressed, missed school, and his grades dropped.

Then Kids First was appointed as Michael’s advocate. The Kids First attorney connected Michael with a counselor who helped restore his relationship with his mom. Then conflict was reduced between his parents, sometimes voluntarily and sometimes with a motion and court order. Police intervention was no longer needed. With our help, Michael’s parents resolved their divorce case amicably without a trial.

The Kids First attorney also helped Michael focus on his future—to keep up his grades and attend school. His attorney found a college scholarship for low-income kids and encouraged Michael to apply. Michael received that college scholarship and is today a first-generation college student working toward a career in teaching.

Jenny Schulz, Executive Director, Kids First Law Center